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NORMAN LINE.

WILLIAM I.	Ten-sixty-six saw deadly strife On Hastings' fatal plain ; When Harold died a kingly death, By Norman William slain. The Conqu'ror ruled by force of arms, All England for his foe ;	1066
WILLIAM II.	And Rufus reigned from eighty-seven Till Tyrrel laid him low.	1087
HENRY I.	One-thousand-and-one-hundred marks The long and useful reign Of Hal the first, who wisely tried The Saxon heart to gain.	1100

HOUSE OF BLOIS.

STEPHEN.	Next Stephen Blois in thirty-five, Who long kept civil war alive.	1135
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HOUSE OF PLANTAGENET.

HENRY II.	The Second Hal, who Ireland gained,	1154
	From fifty-four victorious reigned.	
RICHARD I.	In eighty-nine First Richard came,	1189
	A bold Crusader known to fame ;	
JOHN.	And John, who dates from ninety-nine,	1199
	The Charter was compelled to sign.	
HENRY III.	From twelve sixteen Third Henry ruled,	1216
	With troubles not a few ;	
EDWARD I.	First Edward next, who conquered Wales,	1272
	Was King in seventy-two.	
EDWARD II.	The Second dates from thirteen-seven,	1307
	At Bannockburn defeated ;	
EDWARD III.	The Third from seven-and-twenty shone	1327
	In victory's chariot seated.	
RICHARD II.	The Second Richard's reckless hand	1377
	From seventy-seven rebellion fanned,	
	Till Bolingbroke, whose wrongs were great,	
	Drove Richard from his high estate.	

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HOUSE OF LANCASTER.

(RED ROSE.)

- HENRY IV. All Henries here. The wily Fourth 1399
In ninety-nine was crowned ;
HENRY V. The Fifth from fourteen-thirteen dates, 1413
For Agincourt renowned.
HENRY VI. The Sixth Hal reigned from twenty-two—1422
His Queen, brave Margaret of Anjou—
Till, after many a stubborn fight,
The Red Rose paled before the White.
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HOUSE OF YORK.

(WHITE ROSE.)

- EDWARD IV. Thus Edward Fourth, York's favored son, 1461
The sceptre grasped in sixty-one.
EDWARD V. Two ruffians were employed to smother 1483
Fifth Edward and his royal brother ;
RICHARD III. The deed was done in eighty-three 1483
By Richard Third's base treachery.

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HOUSE OF TUDOR.

- HENRY VII. But in the fight at Bosworth Field
Third Richard fell among the slain,
And Harry Seventh in eighty-five 1485 |
Blended in peace the Roses twain.
- HENRY VIII. In fifteen-nine came bluff King Hal, 1509 |
To six fair wives allied ;
Impelled by passions uncontrolled,
The Pope he soon defied.
- EDWARD VI. And when in fifteen-forty-seven 1547 |
Sixth Edward ruled the nation,
His Council and the Parliament
Embraced the Reformation,
- MARY. Which Mary spurned in fifty-three, 1553 |
And quickly overthrew,
- ELIZABETH. But good Queen Bess in fifty-eight 1558 |
Bade Rome a last adieu ;
And Spain's Armada missed its aims
As champion of the Papal claims.

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HOUSE OF STUART.

THE COMMON- WEALTH.	JAMES I.	King James the First in sixteen-three	1603
		Brought Scotland in his train ;	
	CHARLES I.	And Charles, who dates from twenty-five,	1625
		By cruel axe was slain	
		In forty-nine ; when Cromwell showed	1649
		By plainest demonstration, That Britons could defend their rights	
		When King defied the nation.	
	CHARLES II.	In sixteen-sixty Second Charles	1660
		Regained his father's throne ;	
	JAMES II.	His brother James from eighty-five	1685
		Undid what Charles had done ;	
	WILLIAM AND MARY.	For Orange Will in eighty-eight	1688
		With Mary seized the reins of state,	
	ANNE.	Which Anne caught up in seventeen-two,	1702
		When Marlbro's victories rise to view.	

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HOUSE OF HANOVER.

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| GEORGE I. | In seventeen-fourteen George the First | 1714 |
| | Spurned the Pretender's right ; | |
| GEORGE II. | From twenty-seven did Second George | 1727 |
| | The Young Pretender fight, | |
| GEORGE III. | Till George the Third in sixty came | 1760 |
| | And soon effaced the Stuarts' name. | |
| | The deeds of Clive and Washington | |
| | Recal eventful days ; | |
| | To Nelson and to Wellington | |
| | We give our warmest praise, | |
| | And deem them heroes from the hour | |
| | They crushed the great Napoleon's power. | |
| GEORGE IV. | From eighteen-twenty George the Fourth | 1820 |
| | Saw penal laws repealed ; | |
| WILLIAM IV. | In eighteen-thirty William came | 1830 |
| | And slavery's doom was sealed. | |
| VICTORIA. | Since thirty-seven, Victoria's reign | 1837 |
| | Has witnessed greater changes still, | |
| | Until at length the ruling power | |
| | Has centred in the nation's will. | |



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